

Idaho Transportation Department

Work Zone Safety Awareness Week

Fact Sheet

- At ITD, safety is a top priority. Our goal is to eliminate work zone crashes and fatalities by reminding drivers about the importance of work zone safety and the reality of work zone crashes. At the end of the day, we want to make sure everyone gets home safely.
- The best thing motorists can do to improve their own safety is slow down and pay attention in work zones. Also, motorists and passengers need to always wear seat belts.
- Plan ahead – to find out about roadwork on the state highway and interstate system, call 511 or visit 511.idaho.gov.
- Research shows that drivers believe most people killed or injured in construction zone accidents are workers; however, four out of five work zone collisions nationwide involve drivers or passengers.
- Rear-end collisions account for most work zone crashes. Following too closely, inattentive driving, failing to yield the right of way and improper lane changes also contribute to crashes in work zones.
- Crews working on or near the roadway can be especially vulnerable, since their attention is focused on their task rather than on passing traffic.
- Highway construction projects may add a few minutes to a commute, but those projects are intended to improve highway conditions and promote safer driving for everyone.

